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To: All CA Deputy State Directors, Branch Chiefs, and Field Managers
Attn: All Managers and Supervisors

From: State Director

Subject: Continued Prohibition of Internet Access

The attached Department Memorandum was previously sent to all California employees and provides further direction on the continued prohibition of Internet Access. The Memorandum emphasizes several prohibitions which are summarized and clarified below:

- ! No employee is allowed to connect to the Internet **whatsoever** from their office by using modems and/or their local Internet Service Provider (ISP). The **only** connections allowed are from your office desktop into the office's internal network.
- ! No employee is allowed to use government equipment (eg laptops) to connect to the Internet from their **home or office**. This means they can use laptops out of the office but they can not dial up in **any** network (including the Bureaus). Furthermore, as stated above, this also means employees may not use their personal ISP.
- ! No employee is allowed to access the Internet from home or while on travel for government business while using either government or personal computer equipment.

For all computers on the California NT domain the Security banner has been updated to reflect the Internet prohibitions.

Supervisors, please ensure that all employees under your supervision receive this Memorandum. This is particularly true for those at remote sites using BLM computers but that do not have connectivity to BLM systems at this time.

We will provide further updates as appropriate. Should you have questions, please contact our State Chief Information Officer Rob Cervantes at (916) 978-4541, or State Configuration Manager Ralph Bunn at (916) 978-4546.

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Washington Memorandum on same subject (1 pp)



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

Washington, D.C. 20240

December 21, 2001

MEMORANDUM

To: All Employees

From: J. Steven Griles
Deputy Secretary *J. Steven Griles*

Subject: Continued Prohibition of Internet Access

Pursuant to a Temporary Restraining Order entered by the U.S. District Court and a subsequent Consent Order, the Department of the Interior is disconnected from the Internet and may not be reconnected to the Internet until authorized to do so. Until authorization is granted:

- You may not use any modem in your government-issued or personal PC or laptop in your office.
- You are not authorized to connect to your local Internet Service Provider, such as American On Line in your office
- You are not authorized to connect your government issued laptop to the Internet from your home or while on travel.

This policy is applicable to information technology systems, including servers, PCs, laptops, etc.

The Consent Order provides a means through which segments of DOI can reconnect to the Internet following assurances and concurrence of the Special Master. No connection to the Internet is permitted until approved by the DOI Associate Deputy Secretary. Currently only the USGS and portions of the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) have been authorized to use the Internet.

Until further notice, the following banner shall be used on systems not authorized for Internet access during the log-in process to remind DOI employees of our policy.

THIS IS A NOTICE OF MONITORING OF DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS. This system and all related equipment may be used only for official US Government business. This system may not be connected to the Internet, in any way, unless authorized by the Office of the Secretary. Unauthorized use of this system will subject you to disciplinary action and/or other penalties. Use of this system constitutes consent to monitoring for this purpose.

Subsequent notifications will be provided as appropriate. If you have questions, please contact your supervisor or agency Chief Information Officer.